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SUBJECT: INCIDENTS INVOLVING OMANI STUDENTS IN U.S.

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1. IT IS CORRECT THAT OMANI (AND OTHER ARAB) STUDENTS AT DAVIS AND ELKINS COLLEGE, WEST VIRGINIA, HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN QUARREL WITH SMALL ELEMENT OF LOCAL POPULATION IN AREA. ORIGIN OF DISPUTE APPARENTLY INVOLVED LIBYAN STUDENTS SOME MONTHS AGO AND QUARREL OVER GIRLFRIEND, WHICH MORE RECENTLY GREW TO GENERALIZED ANTI-ARAB FEELING AMONGST SMALL SEGMENT OF LOCAL POPULATION (NOT RPT NOT OTHER STUDENTS). LOCAL AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING TOWN MAYOR, POLICE CHIEF, AND PRESIDENT OF COLLEGE HAVE TAKEN CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL INTEREST IN FINDING AMICABLE SOLUTION TO PROBLEM. INTER ALIA, PERPETRATORS OF DISTURBANCES HAVE BEEN REQUIRED POST PEACE BONDS. IT NOW APPEARS THAT PROBLEM HAS BEEN SETTLED, AND OMANI STUDENTS WISH CONTINUE ENROLLMENT AT DAVIS AND ELKINS.

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2. FYI, BOTH AFME AND DEPARTMENT BELIEVE THAT CHARGE

AT OMANI EMBASSY (FIRST SECRETARY RAIDAN) OVERREACTED TO  
INITIAL REPORTS. RAIDAN IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR

MAKKI, AT THAT TIME IN PARIS, AND GAVE HIM ONE-SIDED  
ACCOUNT OF EVENTS (INITIAL OMANI STUDENTS' VERSION).  
WE SURMISE THIS INFORMATION IS ORIGIN OF OMANI GOVERNMENT  
INQUIRY TO EMBASSY (REFTEL). END FYI.

3. BOTH DEPARTMENT AND AFME HAVE FOLLOWED DEVELOPMENTS  
CLOSELY AND ARE SATISFIED THAT MATTER NOW BEING  
RESOLVED AMICABLY LOCALLY. AFME REPRESENTATIVES MIZE  
(NORMALLY IN CAIRO, CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON) AND THROOP  
CURRENTLY COMPLETING DETAILED REPORT ON EPISODE. NEA/  
ARP WILL POUCH COPY TO EMBASSY AS SOON AS RECEIVED. KISSINGER

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